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Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark (2) New Jersey

Dear Mas. Manley:

This is to thank you for your quick response to my appeal for coverage on the game scheduled in Newark last Sunday. I am sorry you were rained out, but that is baseball.

As you know, I was in Mexico for a month and while there saw Willie Wells. He is getting along fine and sent his regards. He seems to be very fond of you and Mr. Manley. Said the only reason that he left was because of the big salary they offered him in Mexico.

I have before me a letter you wrote on May 23 regarding an article concerning your team which was not published in The Courier. I left here on that date and therefore was unable to answer. I do not recall off hand just how that story missed the paper, and am sorry that it did. However, I want you to know that it was not intentional and that I will do my best to see that the Newark team gets every consideration the rest of the season. As you know we have be cut down considerably with regard to space because of the paper shortage, however I'll do everything possible to see that you get a square deal in The Courier.

If you don't mind, please instruct your publicity man to wire me Sunday night a 150 word story and include one complete boxscore and one running score of your games Sunday with the Philadelphia Stars in Newark. Tell him I shall expect him to service me that way on all Sunday games at home. Games (league games) played on week days can be mailed. It will only be necessary to wire the Sunday games. We are trying to maintain our complete coverage of Negro baseball and if your man will cooperate as he has in the past we shall be able to do another good job this season.

If there is anything I can do to help you out please do not hesitate to call upon me. I am always at your service.

Sincerely yours.

Wendell Smith